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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION ON CHEESE FROM
SWITZERLAND

REF: A) BERN 1958 (NOTAL)

1. WE UNDERSTAND SWISS SEEKING ARRANGE MEETING IN PARIS
NEXT WEEK BETWEEN GOS MINISTERIAL DELEGATE AT OECD MEETING
(BRUGGER, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ECONOMY)
AND TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON. IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
MAY 20, AMBASSADOR JACOBI OF DIVISION OF COMMERCE SAID THAT
SWISS TRYING TO COME UP WITH SOME PROPOSALS TO BE PUT
FORWARD TO SIMON WHICH WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR TREASURY
TO MAKE A NEGATIVE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION. JACOBI
DID NOT FURTHER ELABORATE ON WHAT SWISS MAY HAVE IN MIND.

2. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT BRUGGER WILL NOT ANTICIPATE ANY
IMMEDIATE REACTION FROM SECRETARY SIMON, BUT WE WONDER
IF A MEETING AT A LOWER LEVEL COULD BE ARRANGED SUBSEQUENTLY
EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR BERN WHICH WOULD PERMIT EFFORT WORK
OUT MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT TO SATISFY US LEGAL
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REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS BASIC SWISS REQUIREMENT FOR SOME

FORM OF SUPPORT FOR DAIRY AGRICULTURE. WE ARE CONCERNED,
AS NOTED REFTEL A, THAT EARLY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF
POSITIVE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION WILL CAUSE STRONG PRESS
REACTION IN SWITZERLAND AND COMPLICATE HANDLING OF OTHER
SUBJECTS, INCLUDING RATIFICATION OF US-SWITZERLAND JUDICIAL
ASSISTANCE TREATY PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION
BY UPPER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT IN JUNE. WHILE FULLY RECOGNIZING
TIGHT DEADLINE WHICH TRADE ACT OF 1974 IMPOSES, WE BELIEVE
THAT EVERYTHING SHOULD BE DONE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SPECIAL
CIRCUMSTANCES OF SWISS CASE (STATE 107345) SOONER RATHER
THAN LATER AND/OR AT LEAST TO DELAY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
OF POSITIVE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION, AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.
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